



# Right Face



Central Iowa Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol

September/October 2002 Newsletter

## Words of Inspiration

**"Good Leaders Are Like Baseball Umpires: They Go Practically Unnoticed When Doing Their Job Right. "**

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## Safety Tip of the Month

***Prepare For The Worst, But Hope For The Best!***



## Three In A Row!

By Capt Doug Jansen



*Members of Central Iowa Composite Squadron come up to receive the Non-Flying Unit of the Year for the Third Year In A Row at the 2002 Wing Conference in Ames.*



*2Lt Roger Elliott receives his Chuck Yeager Award for Aerospace Education at the 2002 Wing Conference in Ames.*

For the second year in a row the Central Iowa Composite Squadron hosted the Iowa Wing Conference and Awards Banquet at the beautiful Iowa State Memorial Union. The Squadron worked hard to secure presenters for 23 seminars including presentations on aerospace education, cadet programs, professional development, finance, logistics, safety, operations, emergency services, chaplain programs, CAP information systems, and color guard. CICS brought the most members, 20 in all, to the activity, which was evident when they stood to receive the 2002 Non-Flying Unit of the Year during the Awards Banquet Saturday evening in Sun Room.

The conference began with a General Session in the Sun Room Saturday morning where Iowa Wing Commander, Col. Russ Smith, gave his State of the Wing Address explaining where Iowa has been and where it is going in 2003. Then North Central Region Commander, Col Rex. Glasgow, presented on Homeland Defense and what missions the Civil Air Patrol can expect to be doing in the years to come and how successful we are with our initial homeland security duties. Then the seminars began, educating over 75 members of the Iowa Wing. That evening the Awards Banquet highlighted how successful the Iowa Wing has been in the past year with many CICS members taking home awards. Lt Col Ralph Tomlinson took home a Commander's Commendation for his hard work as the Iowa Wing Director of Operations. Capt John Halbrook and Capt Doug Jansen both took home Meritorious Service Awards for their support of Iowa Wing over the last two years. Capt Doug Jansen was presented with the National Public Affairs Award for outstanding work as a CAP Public Affairs Officer. Capt John Halbrook received the 2002 Iowa Wing Staff Member of the Year as the Iowa Wing Director of Emergency Services. He and Capt Jansen also came back up to receive the Torch Award. C/Maj Darius Robinson was named the 2002 Torch Award Recipient for Iowa Wing and Capt Halbrook received the Torch Award, being recognized as C/Maj Robinson's mentor.



*CICS seniors learn about CAP at the Squadron Leadership School at Camp Dodge.*

### **Seniors Train to Lead**

On 14-15 September five members of the squadron completed the Squadron Leadership School and one completed the Corporate Learning Course at Camp Dodge. The weekend-long SLS train seniors to understand how a squadron functions and how the wing interfaces with the squadrons. The CLC trains seniors in how the wing functions and interfaces with both the squadrons and the region. The SLS is required for completion of Level 2 and the CLC is required for completion of Level 3. Capt. Suzanne Tomlinson directed the CLC, completing a requirement for Level 5 completion. Completing SLS were 2Lt Gary Colvin, 2Lt Anita Elliott, 2Lt Roger Elliott, SM Ann Colvin, SM James McLaughlin and 2Lt Justin Pedersen completed the CLC. Both courses cover areas of administration, cadet programs, communications, finance, logistics, operations, and senior programs. The next SLS will be in February and the next CLC will be in September, both at Camp Dodge.

### **Noble Eagle Flight Update**

In early September Ames flew up and supported the Storm Lake Balloon Days. A week after this weekend event the flight held an open house at their facility at the Sac City Airport. As a result of this recruiting effort the flight has gained 7 cadets and 2 cadet sponsor members. They've recently been doing CPR and First Aid Training and will have over a half dozen members how are CPR/First Aid Qualified. On 2 November they will be helping at a Fly-In at Sac City Airport to raise money to help renovate their facility.

### **Operations Tempo Rises**

In September and October the squadron responded to four search and rescue missions. On 22 September the squadron sent a ground team and aircrew to Griswold, IA to help locate an ELT. After being on scene for almost 7 hours the aircrew returned to base. The ground team returned to base almost 14 hours after departing, still without ever hearing the ELT. After 30 hours of search the ELT was located by a Nebraska ground team (Ground Sortie 2) and Cedar Rapids Aircrew (Air Sortie 3) in a barn in a homebuilt aircraft around one o'clock in the morning.

On 3 October the weather was too bad to send up an aircrew so our ground team went to Ackley, near Waterloo to locate an ELT. The ground team never acquired a signal. Later they found out that an ELT had been deactivated at Iowa Falls about a half hour before the ground team had driven by. The ground team returned 8 hours after departing Ames.

October 12<sup>th</sup> started as a nice day, until the call came in for an ELT going off in Southwest Iowa. The squadron ground team traveled towards Omaha while the aircrew raced to Omaha. The aircrew included Lt Col Tomlinson, 1Lt Kirschman, and 2Lt Pedersen. They found the ELT was coming from Offutt Air Force Base. They secured permission to land and were escorted by security to get fuel while a Nebraska ground team from Lincoln arrived on base. The Lincoln ground team arrived when the Ames Team was 20 miles out of Offutt. Our ground team returned to base and our aircrew found the ELT in an RC-135 aircraft. After arriving back in Ames, the aircrew and ground team debriefed at a local restaurant.

An hour after arriving home, the crew received a call that an ELT was going off in Northwest Iowa. Capt Jansen launched a ground team in 608 including 2Lt Anita and 2Lt Roger Elliott, C/SSgt Jackie Elliott, and C/1Lt Davis. They traveled to Sac City and picked up 2Lt Gary Colvin and C/SSgt Justin Colvin. The aircrew departed Ames with Lt Col Tomlinson, Capt Tomlinson, and 1Lt Kirschman. The aircrew narrowed down the ELT to the Primghar Airport. The ground team arrived in Primghar after three



*The Iowa Wing Color Guard Presents the Colors at the 2002 Iowa Wing Conference in Ames.*

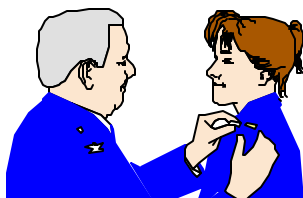
### Commander's Corner

For three years in a row we've brought home the General Cass plaque for earning Non-Flying Unit of the Year, something we all should be very proud of. In the next few months we can expect to see many more changes in CAP. Some of these changes will challenge us to work harder in our positions in the program. We will be transferred from the Air Force Directorate for Operations and Training to the Air Force Directorate for Homeland Defense. This will signify the start of our new Homeland Defense role. Effective 1 December 2002 the National Commander of the CAP will be promoted to Major General and the National Vice Commander will be promoted to Brigadier General. This is the first step indicating our improved relationship with the Air Force and recognition for the responsibilities we have assumed and the trust the Air Force has in us.

For the next year I'm asking each of you to advance in your development as a volunteer. For some of you that may mean going to an SLS, CLC, or Region Staff College. It could be getting qualified in something new for Emergency Services such as a mission pilot or ground team leader. Ask yourself, what could I do to help better CAP. I appreciate all that you have done so far and ask that you give just a little more to improve our squadron and the organization. Congratulations on a job well done.

#### Promotions

**Justin Colvin to C/SSgt**  
**Keighley Fowler to C/Amn**  
**Troy Ruffin to SFO**



hours of driving only to find the ELT in an aircraft in the hangar. The city opened the hangar, only to find the ELT in a locked aircraft. After an arduous search for over an hour the owner still could not be determined. The O'Brien County Sheriff's Office came out to open the plane to help silence the ELT. Over two months the squadron has responded to these four missions putting over 1,000 miles on the vehicles and over 25 hours on the aircraft.

### September/October Mission Stats

| Member             | Sorties | Finds |
|--------------------|---------|-------|
| Colvin, Gary       | 2       | 1     |
| Colvin, Justin     | 2       | 1     |
| Daniels, Shea      | 4       | 0     |
| Davis, Chris       | 4       | 1     |
| Elliott, Anita     | 3       | 1     |
| Elliott, Jackie    | 3       | 1     |
| Elliott, Roger     | 3       | 1     |
| Jansen, Doug       | 7       | 1     |
| Lowry, Erin        | 4       | 0     |
| McLaughlin, James  | 1       | 0     |
| Pedersen, Justin   | 1       | 1     |
| Ruffin, Troy       | 3       | 0     |
| Tomlinson, Ralph   | 2       | 2     |
| Tomlinson, Suzanne | 1       | 1     |

### 2002 Wing Conference Award Winners

**Capt John Halbrook** – Meritorious Service Award, Wing Staff Member of the Year, Torch Award

**Capt Doug Jansen** – Meritorious Service Award, National Public Affairs Award

**Lt Col Ralph Tomlinson**

– Commander's Commendation

**Capt Suzanne Tomlinson**

– Certificate of Appreciation

#### New Members

**Chris Ambrosion**  
**Lisa Collum**  
**Aisha Grieme**  
**Deb Hutchinson**  
**Rose Richards**  
**Keith Weber**

**Mona Berg**  
**Josh Egesdahl**  
**Ben Grieme**  
**Jessica Myers**  
**Myles Schrage**  
**Peter Winterton**



**Total Members:**

**50!**

| Upcoming Schedule |                           |                  | Squadron Staff               |                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Date              | Activity                  | Location         | Position                     | Name                  |
| 2 Nov             | Sac City Fly-In           | Sac City Airport | Commander                    | Capt. Jansen          |
| 5 Nov             | Meeting: ML, LL           | Ames Airport     | Deputy Commander for Cadets  | SFO Ruffin            |
| 9 Nov             | Operations Exercise       | Ames Airport     | Deputy Commander for Seniors | 2Lt. A. Elliott       |
| 12 Nov            | Meeting: SE, AE, LL       | Ames Airport     | Noble Eagle Flight Commander | 2Lt G. Colvin         |
| 16 Nov            | Communications School     | Ames Airport     | Cadet Commander              | C/2Lt E. Lowry        |
| 19 Nov            | Meeting: LL               | Ames Airport     | Admin/Personnel              | 2Lt A. Elliott        |
| 26 Nov            | Meeting: PT               | Ames Airport     | Aerospace Ed.                | Capt. S. Tomlinson    |
| 3 Dec             | Meeting: ML, LL           | Ames Airport     | Chaplain                     | Maj. Barber           |
| 7 Dec             | Color Guard Comp          | TBD              | Communications               | Vacant                |
| 10 Dec            | Meeting: SE, AE           | Ames Airport     | Emergency Services           | SFO Ruffin            |
| 14 Dec            | CPR/First Aid Training    | Ames Airport     | Finance                      | 2Lt. J. Pedersen      |
| 17 Dec            | Holiday Party             | TBD              | Historian                    | Capt. Halbrook        |
| 28 Dec            | General ES Training       | TBD              | Logistics                    | 2Lt R. Elliott        |
| 31 Dec            | NCSA Apps Due             | National HQ      | Moral Leadership             | Capt. S. Tomlinson    |
| 11 Jan            | NCSA Selection Board      | Cedar Rapids     | Operations                   | Lt. Col. R. Tomlinson |
| 18 Jan            | Orientation Flights       | TBD              | Public Affairs               | Capt. Jansen          |
| 25 Jan            | Sample Transport Tng      | Cedar Rapids     | Recruiting                   | Vacant                |
| 25 Jan            | Mission Base Staff School | Cedar Rapids     | Safety                       | SM McLaughlin         |
| 8-9 Feb           | SAR / Aircrew School      | Camp Dodge       | Stan/Eval                    | Capt. Myers           |
| 17 May            | CICS Dining-Out           | Ames             | Testing                      | 2Lt. A. Elliott       |

### Reminders:

- ❑ Don't forget to turn in your CAPF 31 to apply for National Cadet Special Activities!
- ❑ Prepare your winter survival kits and outfit your CAP SAR gear for winter operations
- ❑ Log on to [wmu.nat.cap.gov](http://wmu.nat.cap.gov) and see CAP Online in action

Meetings: **Tuesday Night 6 to 8 pm**  
Midwest Flying Service Building  
Ames Airport

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### Projects In Progress:

- ❑ Training in Sac City and Ames for new members
- ❑ Working on the Airport Design Project
- ❑ Preparing for the Ames Exercise in November
- ❑ Purchasing New Squadron T-Shirts

<http://www.iawg.cap.gov/ames>

